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A Contrast. [From Byron's "Ode to Napo- feet with a pillow sham and releon Bonapare," on the announce- tired to re t.

ent of his abdication. And armed with Kings to strivething,

So abject yet alive! thrones, Who strewed our earth with ho

And can be thus survive? Since he miscalled the morning

Nor man nor fiend hath fallen far!

Ill-mined man! why scourge thy

Who bowed no law the knee? By gazing on thyself grown blind, Thou taught'st the rest to see, With might unquestioned--power to save--

To those that worshipped thee:

Nor till thy fall could nortals guess LEWISBURG, W. VA Ambition's less than littleness.

> Weighed in the balance, hero dust Is vile as vulgar clay; Thy scales, Mortality! are just To all that pass away:

But yet methought the living Some higher sparks should ani-

Where may the veried eye repose When gazing on the Great; Where neither guilty glory glows,

Nor dispicable state? Yes, one!-the first-the last-the test-

The Cincinnatus of the West, Whom envy dared not hate,

To make men blush there was gathering up seeds. but one!

THE NOCTURNAL COW.

With the opening up of my spring movements in the agricultural line comes the cow.

Laramie has about seven cows that annoy me a good deal. They work me up so that I lose my equa-JOHN A. PRESTON. FRED WALLACE nimity. I have mentioned this matter before, but this spring the trouble seems to have assumed some new features. The prevailing cox for this season seems to be a seal-brown cow with a stub tail, which is arranged as a night-

key. She wears it banged. The otler day I had just planted my celluloi I radishes and irrigated lately. my royal Bengal turnips and sown my hunting-case summer squast es, and this cow went by trying to

was out for a walk, That night the blow fell. The queen of night was high in the his family on Elk. blue vault of heaven amid the twinkling stars. All nature was hushed to repose. The people of Laramie were in their beds. So were my hunting-case summer squashes. I heard a stealthy step cent frost. near the conservatory where my celtulied radishes and pickled

beets are growing, and I arose. It was a lovely sight. At th head of the procession there was a seal-brown cow with a tail like the handle on a pump, and standing at an angle of forty-five de-

That was the cow. Following at a rapid gait was a bewitching picture of alabraste

The queen of night withdrew behind a cloud. The vision seemed to break her

with her as a kind of keepsake. 7:30 r. M., Fairbanks. She had a plenty of garden gate with her as a kind of keepsake. Swago; 8 P, M., Marlinton,

The writer of these lines then

When the bright May morn was 'Tis done-but yesterday a King, ushered in upon the busy world the radish and squash bed had And now thou art a nameless melted into chaos and there only remained some sticks of stove wood and the tracks of a cow, Is this the man of thousand intersperced with the dainty little footprints of some Peri or other who evidently stepped about four

yards at a lick, and could wear a number nine shoe if necessary. Yesterday morning it was very cold, and when I went cut to feed my royal self-acting Len, I found this same cow wedged into the hen coop. O, blessed opportunity! O, thrice blessed and long

ought revenge! Now I had her where she could not back out, and I secured large picket from the fence, and took my coat off, and breathed in full breath, I did not want to kill her, I simply wanted to make her wish that she had died of menbranous croup when she was

While I was splitting on my hands she seemed to catch my idea, but she saw how hopeless was her position. I brought down the picket with the condensed strength and eagerness and wrath of two long suffering years. I There was a deafening crash and friends, sons and brothers. Along Nor dreamed Contemp could thus rippling laugh of the cow, as she grown boy riding a hard-mouthed stood in the alley and encouraged

Looking back over my whole life, it seems to me that it strewn with nothing but the rugged ruins of my busted anticipations .- Bill Nye.

ELK ITEMS.

The frost did considerable dam-Bequeathed the name of Washing- age to the gardens, and the ladies

A. M. McLaughlin, Maxwelton, spent a few days with friends on Elk and made quite an interesting address to the Sunday School

scholars, Reverend Watkins came to Elk to fill an appointment and was taken suddenty sick at Mr. N. A, Dann's and was unable to fill his appointment.

Reverend G. W. Nickle visited at N. A. Dunn's Sunday night. George and H. K. Bright attended the examination at Marlin-

French Gibson made a flying you put women and mules on an trip to Virginia to visit his aunt

Miss Sallie Varner has been on the sick list for a few days. Reverend Collison preached at

convey the impression that she Mary Chapel Sunday morning. J. D. Gibson, who has a camp

> Doctor J. W. Price was visiting the sick on Elk Saturday.

The people of Slaty Fork report their flowers killed since the re-

Hotel to Be Opened,

The new brick hotel has been rented to A. DeArmitt, who comes here from Hendricks, W. Va., and will be opened to the traveling public by June 20th. Mr. De-Armitt is a practical hotel man and ran a very popular hotel in Hendricks which he sold last January. He has bought his furniture and is here fitting up the hotel. The owners of the property will build at once a two story annex to the building and make other improvements.

> METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

'ew Plan of Ed ay Circuit for

Second Sunday-10:80 A. M., ers were at stake.

the Soldiers.

As stated previously, General Edward Johnston, on the move from Camp Alleghany to camp Shenandoah, in early April, 1862, halted two days at McDowell, Virginia. The tents were pitched in the fields between the village Bull Pasture.

I spent the most of one forenoon mingling freely among the them in homespun, and having soldiers and noticed how they were mountain rifles. paseing the time in camp, which To drill master read the manual was April 11th.

bright and pleasant after quite a period of cloud and rain, and all seemed infused with refreshed the "newly mustered in." bodily vigor and buoyancy of in as much as possible.

My attention was first drawn to ing in from the lower Bull Pasture, things," such as pies, sweet cakes and fresh maple sugar for their Of these, the Conquerors of the me while I nailed up the hen house military previously and was fast so that he whirled around and threw up his heels, whereupon the rider fell off, heels over head, to the great amusement; of the

bystanders. Pretty soon a pert young volunteer proposed to ride "the thing," and break him in for the boy. This was agreed to by all present, but no sooner had he mounted are lamenting over their loss and than the donkey tucked his ears between his forelegs and pitched the soldier over his head into a thorn bush. This exploit was followed by yells of boisterous merriment. Such was the eagerness of the soldiers in this part of the encampment to converse with their lady friends and to see the fun that the guards had considerable trouble to keep all within the lines. One of them playfully called out at the top of his voice, "All women and mules must come inside the lines or leave." Whereupon one of the women, with a visage as grim as Minerva herself, fiercely rejoined, "I suppose then, sir,

> equality, do you," The applause was uproarious, which, along with her fierce looks and sharp tongue caused the whiskered, gallant guard to look

rather crest-fallen. It turned out that he was a genat Wanless, spent Sunday with tleman, and politely explained to her the difficulty of keeping his men in the lines as he was

ordered to do. Whereupon the matron grimly smiled and took her place with the others inside the lines,

The purpose of her visit to camp was to give her boys the nice presents she had prepared them with a mother's assiduous care, pathetically saying that these

the ear. home carrying the garden gate Union; 8 P. M., Laurel Creek; who might be around, so deeply Pocahontas, to officiate at his are on the increase very rapidly.

tent vocal music was heard as sev- the parties mutually; the groom service. the past three years. He is a thome in her collection, but she young, findly built animal. In
Name of that particular pattern

Nam So she were it home arround her Mary's Chapel; 3:30 P. M., Slaty I hope to remember with special this marriage recurred to my im- This plan was successfully pursued

carefully brushed the sand off his REMINISCENCES OF THE PAST. singers 1 had heard at Grafton to me to plight their sincere vows and Philippi ten months previous- making them husband and wife. An April Morning in Camp Among ly, as I believed at the moment : He a type of manly and noble Auld Lang Zine informs me

There is a place where I hope to live And then I shall sorrow no more! That blissful place is my Father's land, And all its delights I explore ! Come! favor my flight, angelie band,

And waft me in peace to the shore." new recruits were at drill, most of and happily united.

to them from a book, much to the to criticise the performances of I saw him a soldier in the ranks

The most veteran however of spirits; hence a more animated the veterans was a frisky Lieuten-place, too, group of ladies on horseback com. was not long until he turned away, his loved ones again, and I have not forgotten his scornbringing new clothes - "nice ful look as he left, squigting to- touched, and I took leave of him of the power of the human eye bacco juice from his largely with a feeling that I had seen in

replenished quid. notice several of the soldier boys one of the most uncalled for in ragged uniforms promenading, fratricidal wars, such as a chrisarm in arm, trying to find out, as tian people ever permitted themthey said, who might be the prettiest girls on the grounds.

It was evident they were much pleased with themselves, and the feel that dollars are more importgirls, too. And may I say, the girls ant than men, the like or worse were pleased by their attentions, could their observations be relied on, which they confidentially nade to each other from time to

was listening. A little farther on I came to known to hit in the same place.' After leaving the "bullet proof" Will Sheets.

oldier with my congratulations, passed near a party listening to for years in this section. Two fiddler. Two of the number were o enthused by the music _ "Such killed which was thought to be the gitten up stairs," that they offender and the killing has decleared a ring and dapced, much creased since then but it is evident to the entertainment of their com- that very dangerous brute is at rades. Some one however put in large now. Some of the sheep a word about "Uncle Abe" having raisers have sold off all their a way of making them dance sheep on this account. When a better than what they were doing bear once starts to kill sheep there before long if they didn't is no hope for reform and he will

with friends from home, playing on for a bear to kill sheep, for patchen in hand. Hearing a stick ball, shuffling cards, making sport of new recruits and their reading grubs and worms never count on drill master, jesting with the animal food for substance. It girle, swearing oaths, telling big seems that when a bear becomes tales about battles, singing hymns, dancing reels. cooking rations, downed with unusual against at him The hunter reached for his mending and washing clothes, put on his head. drying blankets, and doing nothing, the time wore away.

reflect on what all this moant, that had come near the sheep he would emitted snarl after snarl. The might be the last she could ever I had seen this world in minia not return to it. give to them. In the meanwhile tire, as it were, and so to number a sun-bright tear coursed its way this day as to apply my mind to down her sun-browned, careworn the wisdom to be learned therefrom. Before passing the guards In another part of the encamp- however I noticed a young man the Dutch bottom that he has bit ment were large groups of the reclining on a blanket, just out- and scratched for three years in younger soldiers recently mustered side a tent, evidently in abstracted succession. in amusing themselves with games mood, a far-a-way expression on of ball like so many school boys. his features, and was taking little Some were playing 'paddle ball,' if any interest in what was pass- tain Run which heads up against others "shoot buck," and when ing around him. Upon recognizing it. Paths are to be found, logs good hit or strike was made peals him a flood of interesting asso- torn apart; places where roots of joycus laughter gladdened ciations at once welled up in my have been dug from the ground, my memory. Two years before, and many other signs. To ob-In some of the tents ten month in the month of April, he had me indicate that dozens of bears had veterans were busy with their come from the Warm Springs, their habitat there, and there can First Sunday-11 A. M., West, cards, too much absorbed to notice Virginia, to his home in upper be no question but that the bears

It seemed to be an instance one who could rid the neighbor-In another spacious, handsome of the first and only love between hood of him would be of great Fork. G. W. Marston, interest long as memory may be agination since that happy evening by a large sheep raiser who sufferin April, 1860, as they appeared ed no loss.

brides in her snow white weil and But think I havent took his trade. A place which the Lord to me will give; olive wreath, surrounded by their Just at the present time. attendants, each holding a lighted There's things instilled within

While congratulations were And things that isn't in his head being received I looked admiringly We think that he should know. As I slowly went about I passed on the evergreens with which the many around the camp fires pre- room was festooned and it was my and Sitlington's around the brick paring dinner, cooking meat, hat fervent wish that the arbor vitae, church and along the banks of the king bread, brewing coffee and the cedar and the pire moss might And not with such a rival hand boiling peas or beans. Elsewhere bethe emblems of their being long Write things that are absurd.

inspection I saw sprigs of cypress And were he sending his to school interwoven. How, the cypress He'd bave a right to chew. The morning was surprisingly diversion of the veterans of ten me to divine. I had thought it months' service, who were present was merely incidental, but when

I began to feel that possibly the cypress had its appropriate scene would be hard to imagine ant, whose arm was still sore from . In our interview liearned that Me thinks he's failed to rhyme than what presented itself through- a wound in the Alleghany fight in the old home where he had woord.

out the McDowell Camp, and I December previously. His sen- and wedded was in ashes, and but The tune it doesn't suit! occupied several hours in taking sibilities were much shocked at a few days since he had bidden It has an air of Auld Joe Clark hearing the manual exercise read farewell to his wife and little Or a North Dakota beaute. to the soldiers instead of being family and was on the march, quite a crowd gathering around a repeated from memory, and it feeling that he might never see My emotions were very deciply

those few hours more than enough And, oh! may they see to it that the like shall never happen again. But so long as so many seem to W. TP. least expected.

THE SHEEP KILLER.

time, when they thought no one The Big Bear Has Began to Walk especially created.

A big bear with tracks abou quite a crowd gathered about a five inches across has commenced volunteer wearing a coat perfor- to kill sheep again in the Witlated with bullet holes. He had jams River and Beaver Dam counbeen desperately wounded in ac- try. Alex Hefner has lost sheep tion, and had just rejoined his and the other night a sheep was company, anxious for another killed and partly devoured on the brush, as "I am now bullet Jas. L. Sheets place on Beaver proof. Two bullets are never Dam. Last Wednesday the bear passed along the road near John

The killing has been going on years ago a very large bear was prove a nuisance to farmers until he Thus, in meeting and parting is killed. There is no good reasa sheep killer he becomes er- bullet in the patchen the catamount

The first bear was up to tricks equal to a man eating tiger. If —go to my room, where I might to go back to it he would make a hunter, and crouching on a log, I now began to think of leaving he had killed a sheep and wished complete circle, and if any one it looked fiercely threatening, and market.

over Williams River to the farming country by the Dutch Bottom. There is an apple tree standing in

of Cranberry and on Black Moundoes the sheep killing and any

SLATY FORK.

His head we know that isn't so For truth he ever means to stand. And hopes he'll keep his word.

To make the scholars mind the rule But if I mistake not upon closer Is what we are going to do,

In Grecian history signed, So all the world could learn of

Like Homer-who was blind.

HYPNOTISM.

Time upon time have we heard apparwhat we are pleased to term he lower animal creation; how Next to fix my attention was to to realize the terrible realities of savage dogs and fierce wild ansteadfastly gazing into their eyes. We have always intended trying selves to allow to come to pass. it, but whenever the opportunity bluff, that they are ready to knuckpresented itself the dog was invariably too big and mad, or the bigger one. picket fence not quite high enough. Besides it is not right to expend a may blaze out at a day and hour body's energy nor waste the theory, but there is more in the for and careful of in an endeavor and big stick reality. for which clubs and stones are

In the masterful eye of the lion tamer we are told lies the secret of his well nigh marvelous power over wild beasts which are literal- disagreeable the past week. ly aching to get get their teeth into his anatomy and spread him around promiscuously, but have noticed that the tamer invariably carries a heavy whip, which the lion dreads more than the eye of the tamer. We suppose however that the lion, feeling something uncomfortable, and not being schooled in scychology, supposes that it is the trip over to Mr. Wymer's Saturwhip, when in reality it is the day. He is an intelligent young hypnotic eye of the man that is man. He is progressing fine with

influencing him. An old huntor recently cited us an incident showing the strange to be turned towards Trough gobbler and was reloading his that section of the country. ting a shot at another turkey. He late to plant corr he is done. put in powder and had bullet and and with the exception of small or Canadian lynx leaping down the mountain side toward him. As the hunter moved in fitting the downed with unusual sagacity. saw him, and bristling up made knife and stood his ground. The catamount came within six feet, hunter thought if he made the

slightest move the animal would run away or possibly spring upon him, Keeping his eye on the brute he cut off the patchen, slipped out the ramrod and pushed the bullet down the gun until it stuck. No amount of pushing would budge it, and he was afraid to shoot lest the gun would burst.

The situation became a trying one

for the hunter, but he thought he

would risk a sudden move and

bounced his ramrod against the

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bullet, and it chambered. The varment maintained its position until the gun was swung around to put on the cap. Then it bowed its back and began to sidle off. When but a few yards listant it was shot and instantly

The question naturally arises. was the catamount trying on a tittle game of bluff and had its hand called when the hunter stood his ground, or really did it fully intend to rend the hunter and just naturally could not after it had eaught the unwincing gaze as the man reached into his shot pouch for his hurting knife and had nerved himself for a clawing

match. We have never seen anything cower before the stern gaze of our agle eye, as yet, but are in hopes for the future. We are, of a consequence, inclined to the belief that animals are near enough kin to human beings to be about ninety-nine per cent what is so expressively-implied by the word le under when a body puts up a

There is something evidently in the power of the hypnotic eye strength we should be so thankful self-reliant posture, and the strong

CHATTAHOOCHEE.

Business is on a boom. It has been rather rainy and

C. W. Brady has suffered very much with the white swelling, but he is now able to get around.

Miss Mary Woodell, Miss Minnie Woodell, and Henry Dodrill were in our midst last week: Our Literary is progressing

finely now. J. G. Simmons made a flying his school at Chattahoochee.

Nelson Brady's attention seems

power of the eye over a wild Springs now. I think he is going animal. He had killed a large to take an option on the coal of mountain rifle preparatory to get- Granvill Brady says it is too

> Marian Ware is in our village this week. George Beal has been very ill

Cecil Sharp was over to his uncle's, B. Wamsley, Sunday. He reports his cattle doing fine. Hanson Beal has returned from Webster. He has gone into the flower business-such as roses and but made no offer to attack the sweet williams, but he says sweet williams is the greatest demand in

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